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SUBJECT: 32D UNGA/HUMAN RIGHTS--HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND TORTURE

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1. MISSION IS DATAFAXING TO IO/HR, HEWITT THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER RESOLUTION AS PRODUCED IN THE AUGUST 4
MEETING AT THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION.

2. THIS DRAFT REFLECTS SOMEWHAT DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE
AUSTRALIANS HELD WITH DELEGATES OF JAMAICA AND INDIA,
BOTH OF WHOM CONTACTED THE AUSTRALIANS ON THEIR OWN
INITIATIVE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE PROPO-
SAL. MISOFF ARGUED IN THE MEETING AGAINST REFERENCE IN
PREAMBULAR PARA 2 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR
THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID
AND INCLUSION IN PARA 1(C) OF "RIGHTS RELEVANT TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."
OTHER DELEGATES FELT THAT THESE ISSUES WOULD EVENTUALLY
BE INTRODUCED INTO THE DRAFT IN ANY CASE AND WERE
RELUCTANT TO ELIMINATE THEM FROM THE WORKING PAPER.

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THE GROUP ORIGINALLY DECIDED TO ELIMINATE PROVISION
FOR THE PANEL OF EXPERT CONSULTANTS BUT, AT THE RE-
QUEST OF SPAIN AND GREECE, ADDED A PARA ON THE PANEL
OF CONSULTANTS AT THE END OF THE DRAFT AS A POSSIBLE
ADDITIONAL PARA.

3. THE GROUP DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT AS A WORK-

ING PAPER, SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO REFERRAL TO CAPITALS, AND TO BEGIN LOBBYING AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THIS DRAFT WITH MEMBERS STATES FROM ALL REGIONS. THE COSTA RICAN DELEGATE WAS ABSENT (DUE TO A BIRTH IN THE FAMILY) AND HAS NOT SEEN THIS DRAFT, ALTHOUGH THE COSTA RICANS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE EARLIER DRAFT.

4. IN THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AUSTRALIANS BOTH JAMAICA AND INDIA INDICATED THAT THEIR MAIN CONCERN WAS THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL MIGHT LEAD TO A SUPER POWER CONFRONTATION AND THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL IF THE USSR OPPOSED IT. THE SPANISH DELEGATE STATED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM MADRID INCLUDED A SUGGESTION THAT THE SOCIALIST STATES SHOULD BE APPROACHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE MISSION FEELS THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE COSTA RICANS TO APPROACH THE USSR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE NEW TEXT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RESOLUTION AND THAT THIS SUGGESTION SHOULD BE MADE TO THE COSTA RICANS DURING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT.

5. THE WORKING GROUP DECIDED THAT THE MONTH OF AUGUST WOULD BE DEVOTED TO BROAD CONSULTATIONS ON THIS WORKING PAPER AND THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE HELD AUGUST 23 TO REPORT RESULTS OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS.
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6. WE ARE ALSO DATAFAXING A COPY OF THE TORTURE PROPOSAL AMENDED PER DEPT'S SUGGESTION REFTEL. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPT SHOULD NOW BEGIN THE PROCESS OF LOBBYING IN CAPITALS ON THIS TEXT. IF THE DEPT HAS NO OBJECTIONS, THIS TEXT COULD BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS DURING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CARIBBEAN TRIP, IN WHICH CASE, THE TEXT SHOULD BE CABLED TO ALL APPROPRIATE POSTS.
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